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September 30, 2019

Thomas G. Kinisky  
President and CEO  
Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corporation  
31500 Solon Road  
Solon, OH 44139

Dear Mr. Kinisky:

The Town Council are public servants who are responsible for decisions of policy including many that ensure safety for our citizens. It is with this sense of responsibility to our citizens that the Council addressed the continued profoundly alarming testing results associated with Saint-Gobain's operations. We have written a letter to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services ("NHDES") regarding these concerns and actions that should be taken.

At the onset of this issue, the Council was buoyed by your willingness to self-disclose the problem as well as your initial voluntary remediation measures. We were hopeful that we would continue to see a corporation who would take responsibility and work collaboratively with the Town of Merrimack and the NHDES to address and remediate the contamination. Three years later, the data reveals that the contaminating compounds are still being used and that test results are getting worse. It is particularly concerning that PFOA is continuing to be utilized in the operational process (see dip pan test results of PFOA at 25,600 ppt on 4/30/18) even though it had been previously stated that this chemical had not been used in the last four years. Additionally, the PFOA test results of the outfall into the Merrimack River are alarming at 7,900 to 9,400 ppt.

It would be beneficial if the Town Council, the State and Saint-Gobain could work cooperatively to correct and prevent the environmental impacts and health threats imposed on the Merrimack community. However, recent evidence appears to indicate that Saint-Gobain has not and is not acting in good faith to protect the citizens of Merrimack and other surrounding communities.

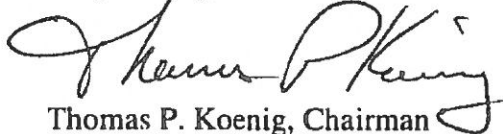
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It is in light of these concerns and events that the Town Council has expressed an expectation that Saint-Gobain will suspend its Merrimack operations until the source of continued contamination is identified and corrected and remediation measures are completed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas P. Koenig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "P".

Thomas P. Koenig, Chairman

On behalf of the Merrimack Town Council

cc: Christopher T. Sununu, Governor of New Hampshire  
Robert Scott, Commissioner, DES  
Clark Freise, Assistant Commissioner, DES  
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